# PORZIO BUSINESS DEFENSE PRACTICE

Achieving Fairness in Government Rates, Fees, and Assessments

Take a stand.

STRATEGY EXPERIENCE TENACITY



Porzio's Business Defense Practice empowers you to oppose inequitable fees imposed on your business. We have the knowledge to strategically assess billing schemes, the experience to properly frame your challenge, and the tenacity to achieve positive results.



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# **BUSINESS SHOULD NOT BE THE DEEP POCKET**

Your business expects to pay its fair share for government services, but it shouldn't have to subsidize these services for other users and residents through inflated and discriminatory rates, ballooning assessments, and invented fees and charges. To protect your bottom line, you need to examine the rates, fees, and assessments that escalate the cost of doing business and challenge those charges that unfairly target you.

# Take a stand.

Porzio's Business Defense Practice has the tools to analyze the charges that improperly inflate the cost of doing business, the experience to properly structure your challenge, and the ability to give your business a voice to insure that you are being assessed fairly and legally.



## STRATEGY

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As government increasingly relies on business to cover budget shortfalls via new fees and spiking rates, Porzio's Business Defense Practice is at the forefront of tackling illegal charges and protecting your bottom line.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Our experience enables us to offer powerful strategies to identify and eliminate unfair and illegal government charges that target your business.

#### TENACITY

Porzio's Business Defense Practice is committed to insuring that your business is treated fairly by objecting to proposed and existing unfair or illegal fees and rates, negotiating with the billing entity, and litigating when necessary and financially justified. **WE DEFEND YOUR BOTTOM LINE** by providing these tools to challenge illegal and unfair charges.

Objections to proposed rates and fees:

- · Fees and rates audit
- Comparative user analysis
- Administrative appeals
- Negotiation with billing entities
- Litigation, including constitutional discrimination claims

Tax appeals:

- · Property assessment verification
- Expert appraisal analysis
- Market trend research
- Negotiation and prosecution

TENACITY

By working with the state, municipality or regional authority, we can often prevent inequitable and illegal billing structures from becoming law.

For clients with multiple locations, Porzio can provide tracking surveillance of local and regional billing rates and fees and notifies you about changes in the law and billing rates.

> "Control your destiny or someone else will."

> > – Jack Welch



# **ABOUT PORZIO, BROMBERG & NEWMAN**

Porzio has long represented commercial and industrial clients in real property tax appeals and in challenges to other inequitable fees and charges levied by government entities.

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